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The Maryville Spoofhounds hold up their Class 3 State Championship trophy and celebrate on the field at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis Nov. 23. The Spoofhounds defeated the John Burroughs High School Bombers 35-22. This is the fourth state football title in the history of Maryville's program.

Spoofhounds clinch state title, perfect season

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With any team, there is always a pursuit for perfection - to be the best team there ever was. The Spoofhounds found what they were looking for. Whether it is the 1982 Spoofhound team, the 2009 team, or the 2012 team, it would be difficult to decide which was the best.

One thing sets the 2012 team apart from the others though, this is the only team with a zero in the loss column. The Spoofhounds capped off their perfect season Nov. 23 against John Burroughs High School in St. Louis. Maryville came away with the 35-22 win over the Bombers, winning the Class 3 state championship and finishing with a 15-0 record. "Being perfect in the classroom, being perfect in practice and being perfect in your assignments throughout a game is what we talked about in being perfect," head coach Matt Webb said. "It's not just about winning football games, but the strive and the drive to be perfect." Throughout the entire season, Webb always kept the same demeanor with his team. The message was how the season was a process, how they have to take it

one game at a time and not look past the next game. "Every coach, if they're doing it the right way, I believe has a mission like that in mind," Webb said. "They talk about the little things, and they talk about the process, but really it's about the team members buying into it. Buying into the philosophies you teach and SEE **MHS** | A5

Missouri makes plans to further reduce death tolls on highway

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The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety hopes to reduce the number of fatalities on Missouri roadways with the Save More Lives 2012 blueprint. The revised Save More Lives blueprint hopes to reduce the number of vehicle fatalities to 700 or less by 2016. "Motor vehicle crashes are a serious health, economic and social issue, so we created the coalition, which is a combination of safety advocates, organizations and agencies across Missouri that have joined together to create that blueprint," Kelly Martin, Missouri Department of Transportation customer relations specialist, said. The first blueprint was created in 2004 by the coalition to reduce the amount of fatalities on Missouri roads to 1,000 or fewer by 2008. This goal was met a year early in 2007. In 2008 they revised the blueprint, reducing the goal to 850 fatalities or fewer. This goal was met in 2010. "This blueprint serves as an umbrella guide to increase coordination, communication and cooperation among the safety advocates SEE **MODOT** | A5



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Energizer employees leave the Maryville plant Monday following their daily shift. The plant will close its doors for good by December 2013.

Energizer closing leaves schools' wallets drained

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The impending closure of the Maryville Energizer battery plant will leave Maryville Public Schools on a tight budget throughout the next few years. The immediate effects are placed on the families of workers at the plant, but Maryville School District, Northwest and the Maryville economy could suffer a loss in revenue. "From a tax standpoint, I don't believe the closure, in the short term, would affect the University. It would be more apt to affect the local school district, but in the long term it could affect the University," Larry Lee, director of the Center for Innovation and

Entrepreneurship and Nodaway County Economic Development Response Team member, said. Maryville schools receive 79 percent of their revenue from local taxes, 15 percent from the state and six percent from the federal level, Larry Linthacum, Maryville RII School District superintendent, said. "I met with the county assessor's office and the personal property revenue; based on the projections right now, we will receive \$385,000 less in personal property revenue during the 2014-2015 school year," Linthacum said. "We're trying to be as efficient as we can and evaluate how we spend. We want to be SEE **ENERGIZER** | A5

Minimum wage increase raises concerns from chamber officials

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The announcement of a 10-cent increase in the state minimum wage has the Missouri Chamber of Commerce concerned for the welfare of Missouri businesses and future employees. On Nov. 9 the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced that the state minimum wage for 2013 would raise to \$7.35 per hour, effective Jan. 1, 2013. In 2006 the minimum wage was \$5.15. By July 2009 it had risen to \$7.25, where it has stayed until now. The Missouri Chamber worries that this increase will disadvantage businesses and affect entry-level jobs. "At a time when Missouri businesses are struggling to provide jobs in today's difficult economic climate, it is concerning SEE **WAGE** | A5

City seeks public opinion on new designs for pedestrian trails project



JESSI ALLISON | NW MISSOURIAN

Jeffery Thorn of Olsson Associates talks with residents about the new Seventh and Ninth Street Trail.

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Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

Maryville residents could soon enjoy two new pedestrian trails on the north side of the city. Maryville received a grant through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Transportation Enhancement Programs, and the preliminary design for the two-part project is complete. Jeffery Thorn and Jonathan Hoflander of Olsson Associates presented their designs at a public meeting Tuesday night. Hoflander is enthusiastic about the project. SEE **TRAILS** | A5

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University and community members joined together for the annual tree lighting ceremony Tuesday at the Gaunt House.

Scholarship offers in-state tuition

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Northwest plans to offer a new scholarship for first-time out-of-state and transfer students, which would result in in-state tuition rates.

The Bearcat Advantage scholarship itself is \$3,054.30, but if combined with the Non-Resident Award, Out-of-State Award or the Midwest Student Exchange Program, it will waive the difference between Northwest's in-state and out-of-state tuition rates. The Bearcat Advantage scholarship can be available in fall 2013 to out-of-state freshmen and transfer students who have in at least a 21 ACT score and 2.0 GPA.

"For several years we had in place scholarship programs for out-of-state students," Dean of Enrollment Bev Shenkel said. "It has been somewhat of a long-term process to get to where we can offer in-state rates for first-

time freshmen."

Previously, Northwest offered out-of-state students scholarships, which lowered out-of-state tuition rates by 50 percent, according to Northwest's Financial Assistance office.

Director of Financial Aid Del Morley said that the Bearcat Advantage Scholarship would help increase enrollment overall.

"We have a geographic location that is a lot closer to out-of-state locations [and students]," Morley said. Compared to other Midwest universities, Northwest is very competitive with other schools for scholarships awarded.

Shenkel said that even though it was a long-term process to put this scholarship in place, universities in the Midwest are offering out-of-state students in-state rates because of merit-based scholarships.

Most out-of-state students have to take out student loans even if they have at least one

"This scholarship would make me less reliant on student loans."

Jacob Nelson

scholarship awarded to them.

"This scholarship would make me less reliable on student loans," freshman Jacob Nelson said. "I don't think there should be too many more scholarships like this because a scholarship is a reward and should be earned, not given away."

Brooke Hoxie, a junior from Council Bluffs, Iowa, said that there should be more scholarships like the Bearcat Advantage Scholarship because it will "give students the advantage of less personal expenses."

Search committee chooses three finalists

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The search committee for the vice president of human resources position at Northwest continues its pursuit of a candidate for the job.

The committee identified three finalists for the position. Northwest employees get the chance to attend open forums for each of the finalists in the J.W. Jones Student Union Student Union boardroom.

The forum for Carol Wise-carver was Monday. Wisecarver worked in human resources for over 15 years. After graduating from Northwest with a marketing degree, she received a master's degree in business administration at Belmont University.

Candidate Michael Buda's open forum is 1 p.m. Thursday. Buda received a master's degree in counseling from Arizona State University. He completed law school at Syracuse University of Law. Buda has worked in human

resources for 12 years.

The name of the third candidate will be held until a few days before the forum at 1 p.m. Dec. 3 because he is still in the process of informing his employer.

"We would like to find someone good at bringing about change," Committee Chairwoman Cindy Kenkel said. "The candidate needs to be skilled at working well with others and developing strong relationships with people here at Northwest."

University, city officials move forward with Fourth Street corridor designs

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Improvements being made to the Fourth Street corridor in Maryville are anticipated to be complete by May 2013.

After reviewing five other proposals, the city of Maryville and Northwest selected SK Design Group, Inc. of Overland Park, Kan. to improve the corridor along West Fourth Street from Main Street to the University entrance near North Dunn Street.

The Fourth Street improvements are a crucial factor in the long-term economic vitality of downtown and will increase pedestrian access within the community, City Manager Greg McDanel said.

"Fourth Street is the main gateway to Northwest Missouri State University and should reflect the pride we have as a community in our University and downtown," McDanel said. "The city believes that continued improvements in

the area will assist the University with recruitment and retention efforts."

The new Fourth Street could feature an 8 foot shared concrete bicycle and pedestrian path along the north side, new compliant ramps that meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards, detectable warning strips at crosswalks and decorative black streetlight poles.

In addition, new public art will be placed at the intersection

of Fourth and Main streets.

Northwest is contributing financially toward designing and engineering the new corridor. President John Jasinski said this is an exciting time for the University and the city.

"We are confident the Fourth Street corridor project along with other planned community improvements will couple nicely with our beautiful campus," Jasinski said in a press release in September. "Partnerships such as

this have been part of our platform and will be important for year to come."

McDanel said a design kickoff meeting should occur in December, and the city plans on holding several public meetings to allow for student and community input.

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Fourth Street design sketches.
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	Saturday, December 1	
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	Sunday, December 2	
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New plan could impact Missouri export operations

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Gov. Jay Nixon spoke out earlier this month against a decision that will affect water levels in the Missouri River, citing concerns for farmers throughout the Midwest.

On Nov. 23 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began the process of stopping the release of water from the Missouri River's upstream reservoirs. By Dec. 1, the Corps expect the water levels of the Missouri to be affected.

Nixon sent a letter earlier this month requesting the Army Corps refrain from the process this year.

"I urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to avert potential economic disaster on this vital avenue American farmers use to get their goods into the world market," Nixon said

The flow of water from the Upper Missouri River reservoirs is usually reduced this time of year due to concerns that heavier flow could create dangerous ice formations during winter.

In his letter, Nixon said the summer drought caused a significant impact on water levels. He believes barge traffic restrictions or even the closure of the Mississippi



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to stop releasing water from some Missouri River reservoirs. Gov. Jay Nixon fears this could impact the Mississippi River channel.

River channel is an imminent possibility.

Nixon said flow from the Missouri River is necessary to continue providing the Mississippi River as a channel for barge import and export. Nixon fears the loss of this channel would spell disaster for the American economy, especially

when it comes to barge and export operations run by farmers.

In a news release earlier this month, the Corps announced that the water releases out of Gavins Point Dam in Yankton, S.D., would be decreased to minimum winter levels as the first of several drought conservation measures. The Corps

will take more measures if the drought conditions continue into 2013.

"We will be paying close attention to the amount of mountain snowpack we receive in Montana and Wyoming as well as the plains snow accumulation in the Dakotas this winter," said Jody Farhat, Chief

of the Missouri River Basin Water Management Division. "We will know more about the potential impacts of dry conditions by the start of the runoff season when we can factor actual on-the-ground conditions into our forecast models, and we will include that information in our decision-making process."

Maryville seeks state funds for home repair

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Some Maryville residents could receive up to \$20,000 for home repair if the city is approved for a state grant.

The city applied for \$110,000 in grant funding. The Missouri Housing Development Commission funds the Home Repair Opportunity Program. Through the HeRO grant, non-metropolitan areas around the state get the opportunity to receive funds for repair work directed toward low and moderate-income homeowners.

City Manager Greg McDanel said the city has participated in this program during previous years and finding interested residents comes easily.

"We have more applicants than funds allow for, so we know this program is in high demand, and it's been able to repair some of our homes in our community," McDanel said.

If accepted, eligible residents will have the opportunity to apply for a

portion of the funds at City Hall, McDanel said.

McDanel said the city is unsure when it will know its application status but assumes it will be around the beginning of the calendar year.

"We'll work to ensure our paperwork is complete and that we have good use of the funds, so we can be a strong candidate for funding," McDanel said.

The city intends to continue with the program in following years.

"We anticipate submitting an annual application," McDanel said. "As long as that funding round is still available, we'll continue to go after it."

Homeowners who receive the funding must occupy the home for a minimum of three years following the renovations. If they sell, rent-out or refinance before the three year mark, homeowners will be expected to repay the city the full amount subsidized for their project.

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Energizer announced its Maryville plant will cease all operations and close its doors by December 2013. Members of Northwest and the community brace themselves for financial impact.

OUR VIEW: Profit margins dictate plant closures

It is no surprise with the economic downturn we experienced in 2008 that many companies began shuttering their factories in small towns across the nation to cut costs. The scene across the United States was dismal; entire populations moved out of towns to find new work when the main employers shut down, an unfortunate event that is a result of an ever-increasing profit margins companies must reach every quarter.

It has been almost four years since we began our slide into a recession, and the scene is almost the same. The Energizer battery plant in Maryville recently announced that it would close its doors, sending hundreds of workers out into the workforce with little options for employment.

The plant closing causes a major problem for the city in many ways. The unemployment rate within the city will jump, and many of the employees at Energizer will find themselves unable to find work. Both students working part-time and full-time employees relying on the plant to make a living will find it difficult to remain in Maryville without job opportunities.

It is unfortunate when corporate profits get in the way of the interests of the people in a community. Corporations move smaller factories out of small cities and consolidate the work into larger factories. This is seemingly in total disregard to the lives they affect in the small communities. Smaller communities have a hard-

er time recovering from the loss of employers than larger cities. Fortunately for Maryville, we have a few more companies that can hire some of the laid-off employees of the Energizer plant.

We face a future that is dominated by corporations, and how they perform dictates how we, as a society, will act. We will move where there is work, and many people will not lay down roots in towns. The traditional days of settling in a community and raising a family for multiple generations in a town are slowly dwindling, and in their place is a new mindset controlled by where people can make money. It is an unfortunate trend that we are following, but it seems to be an evolution of the industrial world we live in.

Petraeus scandal sheds light on past



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The 24-hour news cycle has been flooded with seemingly endless coverage of another affair. The offender this time is Gen. David Petraeus, former CIA director and prominent commander of the failed wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Before the scandal, Petraeus was regarded as a war hero and honorable member of our armed forces. However, now that people are actually investigating this fraud, much of his past is coming to light.

Only in America can you contribute to sending thousands of young people to their deaths based on lies, but only have people start caring when you cheat on your wife.

Petraeus was an integral architect of some of the most costly policies in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let's start with Petraeus' roles as the commander of the

Iraqi security forces, responsible for arming, training and mentoring the Iraqi army and police forces. In 2004, he armed and supplied a special police commando squad that included former Iraqi soldiers who served Saddam Hussein and members of the Sunni, who were in a religious civil war and not under American control.

That didn't bother Petraeus, who continued to support and command these forces that later became known as "death squads."

These groups were found to be responsible for torturing and murdering hundreds of Iraqis, many of who were innocent. Petraeus should have known this would happen because the primary trainer of these squads, James Steele, was in charge of U.S. efforts in El Salvador in the 1980s. During the civil war there, Steele's teams were infamous for committing similar crimes.

While that may be news to some, it is common knowledge now that U.S. efforts in Iraq were a failure. Petraeus should have known that in 2007 when he was commander of the military in Iraq, but he claimed we needed a "surge" in troops and funding for

this war. This ended up costing over 800 American lives, not to mention the Iraqi lives lost. This is almost identical to his support for the failing Afghanistan war in 2009, when he manipulated Washington into escalating its efforts.

After Petraeus took the reins in Iraq and Afghanistan, the violence began to go down, and people regarded this as a triumph and proof that we needed the surge in troops and spending.

People forget that we had already been in these wars for many years before Petraeus had taken over. Up to that point, billions of dollars had been spent, and thousands of American and Iraqi lives were lost with no progress to show for it.

The question that has to be asked is was it really worth it to send a few thousand more of our troops to die and spend more money to help countries that ended up being little better off after Petraeus took over?

In the end, the best this scandal can do for America is open its eyes to see this man for what he truly is: a fraud.

Achieving goals lies in party reformation



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Shortly after they called the race for President Obama the GOP did a 360 and began embracing amnesty for illegal immigrants.

The Republican Party was being clobbered when it came to Latino votes by almost 3-to-1.

It is not as easy as it sounds, pandering to Latinos with amnesty doesn't work. Sen. John McCain supported amnesty and only did four percentage points better among Latinos in his 2008 bid than Mitt Romney this year.

The only thing that ties McCain to Romney, a fan of "self-deportation," is his support of economic policies. One could assume their economic ideals have more sway over voters than where they stand on immigration.

Unmarried mothers run 50 percent of native-born Hispanic households with children, and 40 percent of those households rely on benefits from welfare programs, according to the census.

Latinos are trending to the left on government views. A majority believe Obamacare should be left in place, and an even greater majority

feel the government should ensure access to health care.

Many people bring up how Ronald Reagan flirted with the Latino vote. Reagan only won 35 percent of the vote in his first election and 37 percent in his 1984 election. It was better than Romney, but not great.

What makes no sense is the GOP's willingness to alienate their rich base. The GOP wants to be tough on immigration, but their donors are perfectly fine with the low-wage workers coming from the South.

So what can the party do? Pandering doesn't work; it just shows they have no respect for themselves or minorities. They need to realize voters are not single-issue voters.

The Republican message needs to get out to people. They should visit inner cities, and ask African Americans how 50 years of expanding welfare has worked. Ask the Latinos how antibusiness legislation will help them pay for their children's education. Appeal to the women and show them how conservatism is right for their families.

The nation is changing, but the ideals of both parties, conservative and liberal, stay the same. The Democrats stuck to their ideology, and it is finally paying off. It is the Republican's turn to clean house and get their message to those who do not normally hear it.

Simple steps can provide for a more relaxing holiday



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Contributing Columnist

Here come the holidays, ripe with tradition, good food, family and friends, the holidays fill us with satisfaction and gratitude and occasionally leave us irritable with lingering indigestion.

You can remedy too many helpings of grandma's three-cheese macaroni with antacids, but handling the in-laws who drop a subtle insult the moment they arrive, or the ultra-negative guest or family member sitting across the table from you isn't as easy.

Drowning your emotions in extra dessert only hurts you in the long run, and unfortunately, Prozac isn't designed to work on the spot. Pleasant fantasies of mashed potatoes covering the obnoxious guest's face might be gratifying in the moment, true, but in practice, it just makes the indigestion worse, and the consequences of your actions would certainly create more problems.

The remedy? Something so close at hand, quite possibly you've never considered it seriously: Breathe...

Breathe... Breathe...

So simple, in theory—the concept of relaxing, deep breaths—yet often challenging in practice; there is truly nothing like remembering to take slow, deep breaths to center and soothe yourself in an emotionally challenging situation. Studies show we reason better and are more in command of our emotions when we calm ourselves. We also maintain that ever-important sense of humor when we stay soothed, and having access to our sense of humor can be very helpful to ease tension during stressful moments.

When someone makes us feel intensely upset, a series of physiological and psychological events come rushing over us, and we can instantly break down.

Deep, diaphragmatic breathing works best before your blood begins to boil. But, all is not lost if a situation hits you out of the blue and activates your emotions strongly. Diaphragmatic breathing is effective in the moment also. So, do yourself a favor this holiday season. Give yourself the gift of deep, diaphragmatic breathing and pair it with relaxing your muscles and your mind. Practice this daily throughout the holidays, setting aside at least 20 minutes—but 5 minutes are better than none. It just might be the perfect gift.

CAMPUS TALK

How do you think the closing of the Energizer plan will affect Maryville?



"I think it is going to have an affect on people that live here; the unemployment rate will go up. There will be less opportunities to stay and work in Maryville."

Anne Herbert
Bio/Psych
Sophomore



"Three hundred jobs is a notable difference within the community; plus it hurts the long-term growth in the community."

Dan Smith
Political Science
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"Now you have all these people out of jobs, and they will move because other factories here cannot hire everyone from the Energizer plant."

Kelsey Bartleson
Accounting
Senior



"I know a lot of people that work at Energizer. With 300 people out of work in a small town, it will be tough for people finding work without moving away"

Lauren Suchan
Bio/Psych
Junior



"Maryville is going to take a big hit because so many people rely on the Energizer plant. My friend works there, and her income will be affected."

Micah Davis
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MHS

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making them core beliefs and standards.

“The process is doing things right on and off the field. It’s about doing things right in the classroom, the community and the little things in football, like the tackling and technique we talk about as coaches.”

To be able to grab a state championship in his first season as head coach, Webb said all the credit goes to the kids who made up this football team.

“People have asked me what I will remember from this season and what significance it plays, and number one - it’s special to me because it’s my first year as head coach,” Webb said. “I’ll always remember these guys being here for my first year as head coach. It’s a very special group of young men.”

“This state championship is a testament to a group of young men that decided that we can have some adversity in the offseason, and we could go one direction or go the other. We pulled together as a team and focused on one week at a time. That was our goal, was to win one game at a time and not look beyond each week.

Moving ahead to the future of



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Sophomore running back Brody McMahon runs the ball downfield.

the program, this team will lose a heavy senior class.

Quarterback Jonathan Baker, running backs Derek Stiens and Peyton Mizera, wide receivers Kyle Leslie, Treyton Burch, Ridge Yount and Daniel Butler, tight-end Tyler Tripp, kicker Boston Schneider, defensive backs Wade Tobin, Tyler Kenkel, Joe Schreck and Troy

Sherry, linebackers Ben Wilmes and Paden Maudlin, linemen Eric Sigman, Cain Farrell, Dillon Alexander, Caleb Mather, Shane Owens and Austin Colwell.

“That senior class has won a lot of football games here,” Webb said. “To be able to top it off on an undefeated senior season is extremely rare and very important.”

Key returning players feature sophomore running back Brody McMahon, lineman Jackson Morrison, receivers Trent Nally, Dalton Pistole and Trent Dredge, linebacker Christopher Dougan and quarterback Hagen Snow.

In a season that featured a few shutouts and many second-half running clocks, a lot of players who did not start got a lot of playing time, even in playoff games.

Webb knows how important that experience factor is for next year’s team, something that can help with their chances of returning to the playoffs next season.

With this season in the books and a state trophy currently sitting on a desk in Webb’s office, this one will certainly be a special memory to the community of Maryville.

Days after winning a state title, Webb has the same mindset with some key words for next season: preparation, process, perfection.

MODOT

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to reduce the number of serious motor vehicle crash injuries and deaths,” Martin said.

The blueprint has six emphasis areas to help reduce motor vehicle accident injuries and fatalities, including serious crash types, high-risk drivers and unrestrained drivers, special vehicles, vulnerable roadway users, special roadway environments and data system improvements.

During 2011 there were 221 fatalities from accidents caused by a substance-impaired driver.

“Types of crashes that are from being substance impaired, whether it’s from legal prescription drugs, illegal drugs, or alcohol are literally 100 percent preventable,” Bill Whitfield, Missouri Department of Transportation pro-

gram administrator, said. “Those types of crashing are something the individual chose to ingest or do to themselves and then get behind the wheel of a car, and that is just the absolute worst choice anyone could make.”

Seatbelts are also a main focus of the coalition. There have been 745 people killed on Missouri roadways for 2012 as of Tuesday, and of that number, 64 percent were unbuckled at the time of the crash. Half of those people probably would have lived if they had buckled up, said Whitfield.

The main goal for the coalition is to one day have zero deaths on Missouri roadways.

“Really, when you look at it, we don’t want any fatalities to occur on Missouri roadways; we want all drivers to arrive at their destination every trip, every time safely,” Whitfield said.

TRAILS

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“These trails will be a nice way to connect the community from one end of town to the other,” Hoflander said.

The Seventh and Ninth Street Trail will be along East Seventh Street between North Main Street and North Davis Street and also along West Ninth Street between North Walnut and North Main Street.

The Beal Park Trail will be a new pedestrian sidewalk along East Seventh Street between North Davis Street and North Laura Street, along North Laura Street between East Seventh Street and East Fourth Street, and along East Fourth Street between North Laura Street and North Davis Street.

The new eight-foot-wide trail has Seventh Street residents concerned about their property. Nancy Bishop, who lives on the steepest slope on the street, is concerned with how much of her land Olsson Associates plans to grate down to meet the trail.

WAGE

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news that labor costs will increase, and Missouri businesses will become less competitive compared to other surrounding states,” Daniel P. Mehan, president and CEO of the Missouri Chamber, said in a news release.

This increase in minimum wage is a result of the cost-of-living adjustment. Every year minimum wage must be reassessed and adjusted based on the increase or decrease of the cost of living as measured by the Consumer Price Index. The cost of living has increased 1.7 percent in 2012, resulting in the automatic adjustment.

This increase also means that the minimum wage in Missouri is higher than the federal minimum

wage.

“This announcement underlines the need to break Missouri’s minimum wage away from the automatic escalator to which it is currently tied,” Mehan said. “It causes uncertainty and positions Missouri to eventually raise its minimum wage to uncompetitive levels.”

This increase means that Missouri has a higher minimum wage than bordering states, which the Missouri Chamber believes will cause Missouri to be at a competitive disadvantage. Illinois is the only state with a higher minimum wage.

For those seeking employment, entry-level positions may be more difficult to find due to this increase. Companies may not have the same abilities to employ workers, forcing them to be more selective in their

hiring process.

The increase in wages means more expensive labor, possibly leading to Missouri businesses losing deals to surrounding companies that are able to charge less for service.

This is not the first time the Missouri Chamber has spoken out against the minimum wage increase. In a legislative request, the Chamber proposed “Fix the Six,” an agenda outlining six legislative priorities to promote jobs. One of these priorities is the minimum wage law.

The Department of Labor has different expectations for the increase. It hopes to help about 1.4 million workers, and reports the state’s increase will add about \$200 a year in wages for a full-time minimum-wage worker.

ENERGIZER

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good stewards of the patrons’ money and spend wisely.”

If the Energizer plant property goes up for sale after the closure, the school district could obtain some revenue from real-estate sales.

The projected calculation for the real estate would result in a possible \$26,000 profit for the Maryville school district.

The school district was shocked by the plant closure, but is focusing its priorities on the kids at this point, Linthicum said.

“We are making sure that the kids have a support system,” Lithicum said. “Our counselors as well are not only working with those kids, but as a school with the impact on the community as a whole, and that is something we are trying to be proactive with.”

At this time the school district does not predict a decrease in enrollment, but it is aware that it is a possibility during or after the 2013-2014 school year.

Northwest students are also concerned about the impending plant shut down.

“I think it will affect the students here because it’s closing down jobs for people who actually work here, so they’ll have to find jobs that the students who go to school here are looking for,”

sophomore Nicholle Blank said. “I feel like because I go home over the summer, they are going to hire someone who lives here, so I might not work here when I come back.”

The University recognizes there could be future economic issues and is looking for answers in cooperation with the NCED Response Team, Lee said.

“We assume by that phase out that it will happen over time, and it won’t just stop. It could be phased out over a month or phased out over the next 12 months, and we are hoping for the latter,” Lee said. “It is a two edged sword because sometimes over a long period of time, you can plan a little better and save some money, but on the other hand, it still affects the local economy because you’re not spending that money.”

University employees are ready to help the response team and have ideas to help Energizer workers, but until the final phase-out information is released, that’s all that can be done, said Lee.

With 310 hourly and salaried workers and numerous temporary employees the final shut down of the plant in December 2013 has helped bond the community through this tough time.

“I think when the news just came out, there was an anticipation of that from some of the employees, but it was just a shocking and very tough time,” said Paul McKim, Laura Street Baptist Church

“People have rose up and supported people in this rough time...we are a tight-knit community, and we don’t want anybody to walk alone.”

Paul McKim

pastor. “But we just have some really great people in our community, and I know some of the people employed there were more concerned about their friends and their neighbors than themselves.”

McKim took the time during a Sunday service to recognize those who work at the plant and those who will be directly affected by the plant closure, including public school teachers.

“I think our community will rise up and do well, and I appreciate how people have rose up and supported people in this tough time,” Paul McKim, Laura Street Baptist Church pastor, said. “We are all in this together; we are a community of care and love, and we are a tight-knit community, and we don’t want anybody to walk alone.”



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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Nov. 2
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 100 block of North Alvin Street.

Nov. 11
There was a fire reported at the 100 block of North Mulberry Street.

Nov. 13
An accident occurred between Lisa R. Wixom, 28, Maryville, Mo., and Halee D. Wymore, Maryville, Mo., at the 300 block of East Summit Avenue.

Nov. 15
There is an ongoing investigation of

burglary at the 300 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of lost/stolen property at the 700 block of Old West First Street.

An accident occurred between Kelly L. Critten, 21, Maryville, Mo., and an unknown driver at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 16
An accident occurred between Cody L. Groom, 20, Maryville, Mo., and Debra J. Parsons, 26, Maryville, Mo., at the

1500 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 18
Tabitha J. Hibbs, 17, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 200 block of East Edwards Street.

There was a grass fire reported at the 500 block of South Hills Drive.

Electronic equipment was recovered at the 800 block of West Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 500 block of West Edwards Street.

Nov. 19
Wenfeng Li, 23, Maryville, Mo., was involved in an accident at the intersection of North Main and West Ninth streets.

An accident occurred between Melanie F. Barnett, 20, Wellington, Mo., and Theresa A. McKim, 71, Maryville, Mo., at the 1000 block of North Main Street. Barnett was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

An accident occurred between Robert G. Lager, 48, Maryville, Mo., and Michael A. Segura, 45, Maryville, Mo.,

at the 1300 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 20
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 600 block of West Torrance Street.

John C. Jacobs, 65, Ravenwood, Mo., was involved in an accident at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 22
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 200 block of North Grand Avenue.

Blotter from the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Oct. 1
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported burglary at his business.

Nov. 8
Modanna M. Meyer, 25, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

A Red Oak, Iowa, subject reported stolen gasoline out of a parked vehicle.

Nov. 9
Richard M. Parham, 29, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for domestic assault.

Stacy E. Rodgers, 42, St. Joseph, Mo.,

was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for theft/stealing.

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported a burglary at his home.

Shayne S. Gonzalez, 21, Branson, Mo., as arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Nov. 11
A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported a burglary on his vehicle.

Nov. 12
A Conception Junction, Mo., subject reported a suspicious structure fire.

Nov. 13
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported

property damage to his residence.

Nov. 16
A Pickering, Mo., subject reported littering on his property.

Terrence E. King, 47, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

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By Peter A Collins

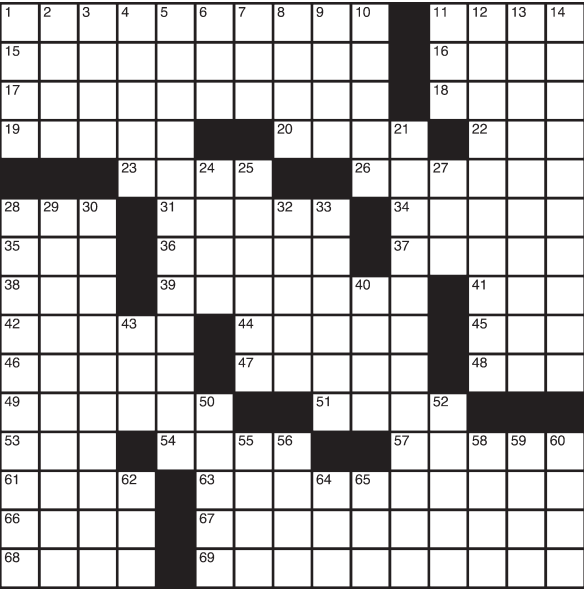
Across

- 1 Seller of beignets and éclairs
- 11 Women's medal-awarding Olympic sport since 1992
- 15 Men in dress clothes?
- 16 "The Night Circus" author Morgenstern
- 17 Reviewers of plays
- 18 One on a catboat
- 19 "___ they all, all honourable men": "Julius Caesar"
- 20 Bill listings
- 22 Degree in math?
- 23 Bankrupt European automaker
- 26 Escort
- 28 Wednesday relative
- 31 Alaska is the only state without one
- 34 Expected
- 35 One of a G.I.'s three squares
- 36 River near Vicksburg
- 37 Auto repair franchise
- 38 Pecan, e.g.
- 39 Turntable feature
- 41 Prefix with laryngology
- 42 Trumpet
- 44 Dig deeply
- 45 Zoning class.
- 46 "Mystery, Alaska" star
- 47 Golf unit
- 48 City east of Utrecht
- 49 Brief time out?
- 51 Color on San Jose Shark uniforms
- 53 Dave DeBusschere was its last commissioner: Abbr.
- 54 Expos, now
- 57 Like some sour cream

- 61 OPEC units
- 63 Do a steno's job
- 66 Place
- 67 Rascalion
- 68 Infinitive with a circumflex
- 69 One with a passing interest?

Down

- 1 Some organizers
- 2 River in Tuscany
- 3 Ethiopia's largest lake
- 4 Former Russian foreign minister Ivanov et al.
- 5 Beyond reproach
- 6 Item on Argentina's flag
- 7 Continental trade gp.
- 8 Pilot's hazard
- 9 About
- 10 Word comprising 60% of itself
- 11 Scout's brother, in a Harper Lee novel
- 12 Pitchblende, e.g.
- 13 Wandering
- 14 Free
- 21 Followed a caller
- 24 Hunan nurse
- 25 Market
- 27 "Psych" network
- 28 Beyond reproach
- 29 Pink-nosed cereal pitcher
- 30 One who won't take a shot?
- 32 Lively movement
- 33 Dress up
- 40 Shore bird
- 43 Personal
- 50 What hikers wear?
- 52 He played Ugarte in "Casablanca"



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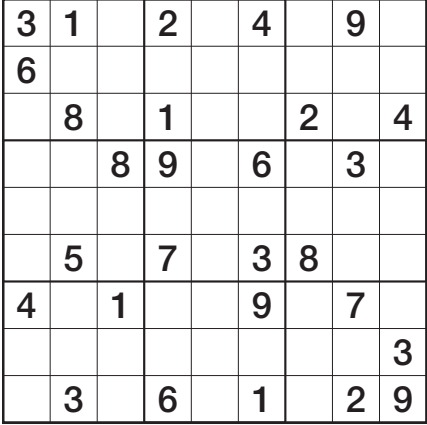
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- 55 Rays' home field, familiarly, with "The"
- 56 Pitcher's goal
- 58 Solid
- 59 Bug follower?
- 60 Shore bird
- 62 Boy who fought his father in a 1969 hit
- 64 Emmy-winning scientist
- 65 Kind of time: Abbr.

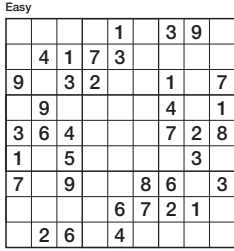
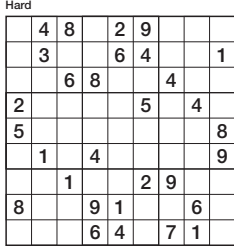
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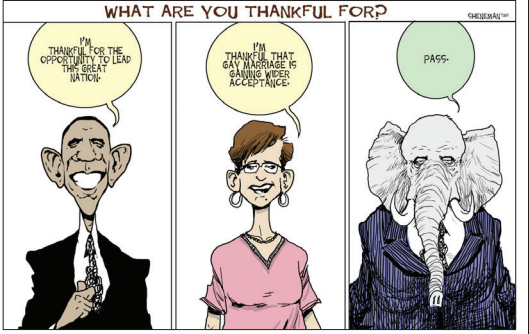
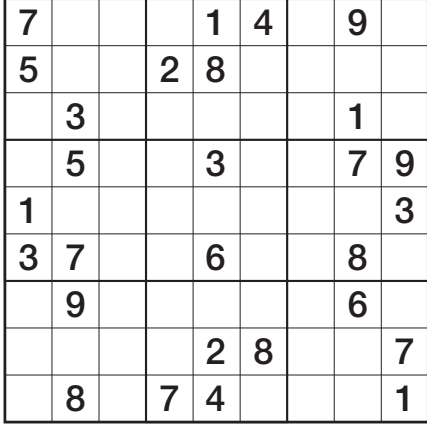


Answers for the Nov 15 issue.



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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (11/29/12). Creativity, family and romance are recurring themes this year. Socially, you're on fire. It's especially hot between you and someone special this winter. Vamp up your fitness routine for vitality. Practice with organization and balance for ease and flow.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Set your rearview mirrors, put your hands firmly on the wheel, and then full speed ahead! You inspire others to take action; be proud of that. Express your passion.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Invest in research and technology. New opportunities open up; it's likely you'll want

to change your mind. Hardships continue strengthening passion. And you win.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Carry the torch of greatness. Don't let small problems stop you from achieving your goals. Link up with a strong partner. Allow yourself to be sexy.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You're worrying about it too much. You can really handle the circumstances, even if it requires help from others. You passionate side comes to the rescue. There's a brilliant discovery.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Group input is especially helpful now. Don't be afraid to put down roots. Passion is heightened in

private. Do what you love, and love what you do. You look marvelous!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The pressure you feel helps you be more productive and profitable, but don't let it affect your health. That's your more important asset. The game you create inspires optimism.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your friends give you a boost, but you must believe in yourself, too. A female provides an artistic touch and plenty of charm. Accept a romantic challenge.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You have more than enough encouragement, and

romance, too, if you know where to look. Keep searching and you will find the answer. Optimism rules. Get the contract down in writing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Whatever you do, it's better with the help of someone you trust. Continue to push ahead in the areas important to you. You're not always about fun and games, but that doesn't mean you cannot enjoy it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's no time to waste. The trick is to accomplish goals without losing track of ideals, and while making time for love and passion. It's a good time to diversify.

Nancy Black MCT Campus

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You get carried away by fascination. Don't get so distracted you forget your responsibilities. Your friends are there for you. A new opportunity for passion arises.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Revisit the idea you were working on and make it profitable. Others are happy to have you on their side. Inspire them. If you've done the homework, you'll prosper.



Who: Dakota Walker
His Character: Shannon Bell
His Age: 18
What meal prepares you for the big show?: “Well, I really want to go on a diet, so I’ll probably eat something healthy.”



Who: Jackson Ackman
His character: Alfred Packer
His age: 17
Why should people attend “Cannibal the Musical?”: “It’s humorous like nothing I’ve ever read before. You will get something you don’t even expect.”



Who: Nathaniel Alexander
His Character: Frenchy Caba-zon
His Age: 16
Why Frency is the best char-acter of the play: “He has a chest of wonder and balls of thunder.”



Who: Andie Lovins
Her character: Polly Pry
Her age: 17
What gets her most relaxed before hitting the stage?: “I like jazz music, a lot.”



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Andie Lovins and Jackson Ackman act out a scene from “Cannibal: The Musical” on Monday at the Rose Theater.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Local high school students prepare to sing a song from “Cannibal: The Musical” on Monday. Cannibal opens at the The Rose Theater tonight.

CANNIBAL: THE MUSICAL

Rose Theater premieres vibrant comedy

MATTHEW LEIMKUEHLER
Features Editor | @callinghomematt

Nodaway Community Theater Company is debuting their production of “Cannibal The Musical,” originally written and produced by Trey Parker, creator of the cartoon comedy series, “South Park,” this evening at The Rose Theater, located on the corner of Third and Buchanan streets. The production is unlike anything else Director Scott Lance and Assistant Director Sarah Ware have put on at The Rose, given the mature dialog in the scenes. The play has been nearly six months in the making from an offhanded suggestion from Lance to a full production. The two sat down with “The Missourian” to talk about the challenges they faced during this particular production:

MISSOURIAN: How did the audition process go with filling so many roles?

WARE: We have to get very creative this time. You’ll see we have one person playing five different characters, which works to our advantage on the humor side, but it was very challenging to work with.

LANCE: Once they open their mouth, they just fit into characters. I think we placed them well.

MISSOURIAN: Your cast is energetic and young; how is it working with them?

WARE: Most of them, if not all of them, are already good friends at school. It takes a good deal of patience at times, but we try to have the attitude that we’re doing an adult play, so we’re going to treat them like adults. For the most part, it’s worked...reasonably well.

MISSOURIAN: How are you expecting the community to react to the racy humor?

LANCE: We had to make changes to the script and tone it down in ways. We tried to keep the humor there without destroying the original product.

WARE: It would be an injustice to take it too far down.

LANCE: We hope there can be a nice balance, and it can be accepted from everyone.

MISSOURIAN: It’s the first musical done at The Rose; what’s that been like?

WARE: I think that Scott’s really brave for taking on a musical. It’s been great with this group of kids.

LANCE: I’m glad it was this musical that was taken on first.

MISSOURIAN: So, coming into opening night, what has been the best part of directing this group?

WARE: Seeing them be able to come into their character and being able to see them click on stage, watching them embrace the characters that they are. It was great to work on their actual acting.

MISSOURIAN: Do you ever ask yourself if you’re in over your head at all?

LANCE: There’s always those nights. Earlier this week I was finally able to say it’s going to be a show. I’m proud of how far they’ve come, and I’m ready and they’re ready.

WARE: They’ve done a really good job.

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

- 1. Rihanna-“Diamonds”
- 2. Maroon 5-“One More Night”
- 3. Ke\$ha-“Die Young”
- 4. Bruno Mars-“Locked Out Of Heaven”
- 5. fun.-“Some Nights”

Billboard Top 200

- 1. One Direction-“Take Me Home”
- 2. Taylor Swift-“Red”
- 3. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn II Soundtrack
- 4. The Weekend-“Trilogy”
- 5. Soundgarden-“King Animal”

In Theaters This Week:

“The Collection” (Slasher)
Director: Marcus Dunstan
Starring: Emma Fitzpatrick, Josh Stewart

“Killing Them Softly” (Drama)
Director: Andrew Dominik
Starring: Brad Pitt, Richard Jenkins

“California Solo” (Drama)
Director: Marshall Lewy
Starring: Robert Carlyle, Alexia Rasmussen

“Dragon” (Action/Adventure)
Director: Peter Ho-Sun Chan
Starring: Donnie Yen, Takeshi Kaneshiro

WHAT’S HOT

Spoofhound Football

MHS football brought home the state championship last weekend, its second title in four years.

“Gangnam Style”

The year’s most viral video took the crown as most watched in YouTube history last week.

“Girl Meets World”

Ben Savage and Danielle Fishel announced they would be starring in the sequel series to ‘90s hit “Boy Meets

WHAT’S NOT

Division II Playoffs

The Bearcats lost in a heart-breaker this weekend, not the way any player or fan wanted to end such a tough season of football.

Jamaal Charles

This Kansas City running back made a point to grab an autograph from Peyton Manning after the game Sunday, despite losing for the 10th time in 11 weeks. The Chiefs are now losing in professional courtesy as well.

THE STROLLER:

Aramark postings annoy Your Man

I think someone needs to sit down and have a talk with Aramark about its poster blocking traffic in the J.W. Jones Student Union. It shows a graphic of an adorable cheeseburger that could star in its own Nick Jr. show (The Very Greasy Adventures of Little Cheesy) and a few sentences.

But take a closer look at the cheeseburger and you’ll see that – just like a Sandusky victim – it’s got something horribly wrong between its buns. It’s money, taunting college students by saying “See? This is why our food is so unreasonably expensive – it’s made from ground dolla dolla bills, y’all.”

And then these words over the burger: “It’s always nice to find cash in surprising places.” Good job, Aramark, on playing on the stereotype that no piece of your food is as innocent as it seems,

but is instead closer to a middle-school science experiment-if the experiment was a meth lab.

God knows what else we’ll find in your food, Aramark. One time I was eating a nice burger from Grille Works (the silent e lets you know that it’s high class) and guess what I found in it? A human head. A human freaking head. (I may have slightly exaggerated about that last part, but it still doesn’t change the fact that the food here is stinking gross).

Then the poster says, “We’ll add \$10 for every \$100 you add to your account.” Even if those numbers were flipped, having an Aladine account would still be a huge rip-off. Let’s be honest with ourselves: campus dining, along with its ruthless slavedriver, Aramark, is the number-two reason people run, not walk, into off-campus

housing after their freshman year. Right after the number-one self-evident truth that is probably somewhere in the Declaration of Independence: the right to drink beer.

Buying food on campus is just not worth the risk. Who honestly knows what I’ll find in my Twisted Cactus burrito? If I were to actually find a cactus, that would be the least of my worries. Statistically, I’m much more likely to find Hurler from “Lost,” Waldo, my retainer from 10th grade, an intelligent Mo. West graduate, or a SAC concert that isn’t total crap.

Plus, Union food sure isn’t good for my pocketbook. Also, who the hell says pocketbook?

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Never Shout Never releases rebound record

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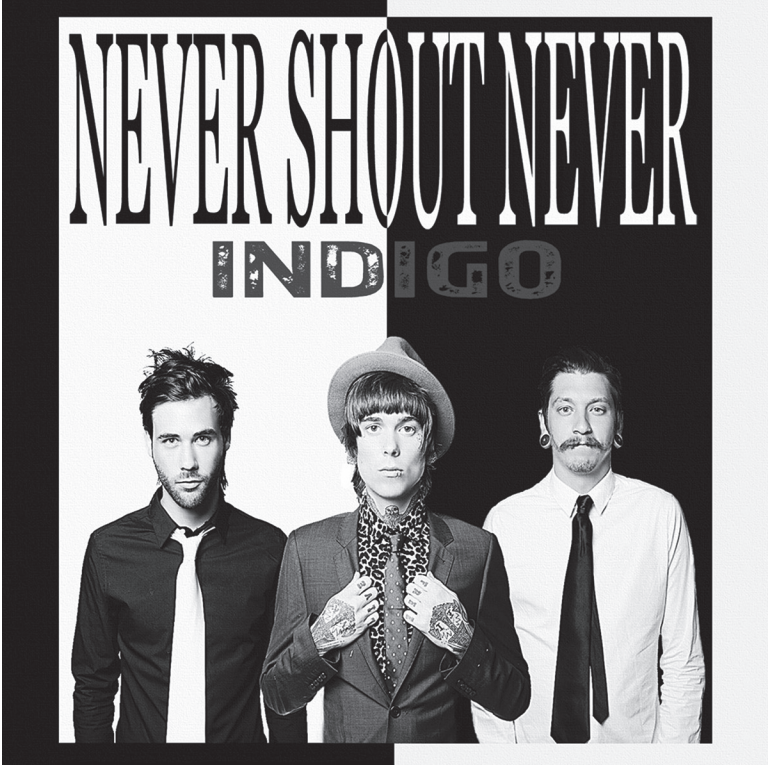
Missouri’s own Never Shout Never’s career has been nothing short of turbulent. Baby-faced frontman Christofer Drew took the scene by storm in summer 2008 with grossly catchy acoustic-pop songs that took hold of the hearts of every duck-faced MySpace user worldwide.

Now in late 2012, Drew has conquered multiple sold out club tours, four major label releases and a brief lapse into heavy drug use (which resulted in 2011’s mediocre release, “Time Travel”) with the end result of the November release “Indigo,” a record comprised of indie rock bliss.

Unlike “Time Travel,” which flirted with the fine line of experimental and strangely unlikeable, this latest release sends the listener into a whirlwind of mixed ‘60s rock and modern indie that is surprisingly pleasant. It is a much needed comeback for an artist who went from sharing sappy acoustic pop songs for pre-teens on MTV’s “Total Request Live” to writing verses about explorations with acid and MDMA.

The opening track, “Magic,” captures the essence of a strong Beatles influence and shows what NSN has grown to musically represent: goofy, yet relatable melodies with a backbone of relaxing psychedelic rock. Drew sprinkles a touch of the lyrical swagger that has won over so many in the past on the chorus, singing, “I know someone downtown who’ll let us drink for free/ The best moments in life are always cheap/I got a couple of tricks hidden up my sleeve/ Spend the night with me then you’ll know what I mean.”

Another track that demonstrates NSN’s musical progression is “Lust.” “Lust,” the record’s sixth track, is a sexual number that thumps through a tale of one’s search for love amidst overpowering feelings of desire. It’s as though, at the prime age of 22, Drew is cap-



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turing some of life’s more elegant lessons through song.

In the second verse of “Lust,” Drew releases, “I’ve been so pre-occupied with lust/The rush, it takes me over then it leaves me more f****d up/To be a perv or be a prude/To make false love or push on through/Trust in that she really does exist.” The track easily competes with other top-40 indie sensations, such as fun., Gotye and even flashes brief instances of Death Cab for Cutie.

The record’s seventh track, “California Slang,” is a song so accurately comprised of surf rock elements that it could be a lost track from The Beach Boys’ “Pet Sounds,” or a lost track from The Beatles’ “The White Album.” The chorus grooves, and the verses are filled with a plethora of barbershop “Ohs” and “Ahhs.”


“Indigo” also serves as a record of reflection for Drew. The final

track, “Hazel Eyes,” is a soothing effort that sends the listener through a sensation of unique string and percussion movements. “Hazel Eyes” provides a musical influence that ranges from the mixture of Ace Enders to Freddie Mercury.

Overall, “Indigo,” creates a great balance between the simplicity of Drew’s releases early in his career and the maturity of an artist experimenting with his songwriting ability.




Artist: Never Shout Never
Album: Indigo
Release Date: 11.13.12
Record Label: Loveway Records
Ratwwing: 4/5



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Adapting to life in America was also difficult at times for Stevens. The grind of playing college basketball has kept her from going home during breaks and holidays, such as Christmas.

Head coach Mark Kellogg and the rest of the Northwest women's basketball team essentially took her in as one of their own.

"I couldn't imagine having to play so far from home, to be completely honest," Kellogg said. "It says a lot about Monique as a person and as a player in her ability to make such a huge adjustment. We just try to adopt her as our own family."

Monique's teammates are the reason why she became a Bearcat. She had multiple options, but had her heart set on Northwest after her first visit.

"My teammates, Coach Kellogg and the whole coaching staff made me feel really welcome," Stevens said. "When I came on my visit, all the girls were really friendly, had great chemistry and made me want to be a part of the team. I loved the competition."

"I just didn't feel that connection with any other school I visited."

Stevens' teammates felt the same way towards her. Just six weeks into the season, before the 'Cats even played a game, she was voted as one of the team captains by her comrades.

"She only had six weeks to prove herself, so to speak, so that speaks volumes," Kellogg said. "We gave them the old fox-hole; you're going to battle, who do you want by your side or have your back? Monique was the overwhelming favorite. We turned our vote over to the kids, and that's the respect they showed."

The three gold medals and silver medal she earned in Australia may have something to do with that.

The gold medals were achieved through a month-long school competition. Stevens and some of her schoolmates assembled a team for the Australian National Schools Basketball Tournament. Each tournament was a week long, consisting of traveling around the country and playing other high schools. Stevens led her team to a first-place victory in each tournament.

She also represented Victoria Country at the Australian Junior Country Cup, leading her 18-under team to a silver medal.

Stevens' up-tempo style of play fits perfectly as the Bearcats facilitator. Her consistent energy on defense is something she takes a great pride in, or her trademark, as she described it.

Stevens has never been the tallest player on the court, but her tenacity makes up for it.

"One coach in Australia told me, 'you're not gonna grow so you just have to be that annoying little ankle-biter,' is what he called me," Stevens said. "I had to be the one who annoys everybody on de-

fense, step up and take a charge and just do all the little things that may not show up in a stat book, but your teammates recognize it on the court or on film."

Yet Stevens did show up on the stat book during her two-year tenure at Southeast, quite frequently. She led the Storm in every single statistical category her freshman year, including rebounds. She also handily broke the career assists record her sophomore year with three games still remaining in the regular season.

But before all, Monique is a point guard. She would rather distribute than score, pass up a good shot to a great shot and reward her teammates when they are shooting well.

"She's a good leader, does all the right things, makes the right decisions and understands the offense," Kellogg said. "She sets the tone in multiple ways and doesn't have to score to have an impact. When you watch her on film she's a little bit of all over the place; she guards her man and a lot of other people's too. When you're 5'2", 5'whatever she is, you have to play a certain way. You have to get after people and throw your body around, and she's definitely willing to do that."

Monique chose her marketing major because of her love of traveling. That and basketball are the two precedents which she hopes define her future.

"Any opportunity to play basketball, that's fine by me."

"Any opportunity to play basketball, that's fine by me."

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"He had surgery last week. I've been coaching for 15 years, and I don't know how many kids could get through surgery and then go out and play today. It would have been easy for him to sit out."

Shaw finished his senior campaign with 54 catches for 957 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Williams was a First-Team All-MIAA selection

DeJong and Snodgrass captained

a secondary that led the nation in interceptions in the regular season.

Adolf was also named to the All-MIAA First-Team after a senior season that saw him go 13-of-16 on field goals, with his longest make coming from 48 yards out.

DeBuysere finished second on the team with 74 total tackles. He also snagged four interceptions and recovered a fumble, which he returned for an 85-yard touchdown against Nebraska-Kearney.

Minnesota State-Mankato will take on Missouri Western at noon Saturday in Mankato, Minn.

SPORTS BRIEF:
Phelps has interim tag removed following first year leading team

The Northwest volleyball team's former interim coach has been handed the official head coach spot.

Amy Phelps was formally announced as head coach Tuesday and will take the reins for the 2013 volleyball season.

Phelps was the interim head coach this season following the resignation of then head coach Jessica Rinehart this summer.

At the interim position, Phelps helped lead the Bearcats to a 15-17, 9-9 MIAA record.

The 'Cats made it into the post season as the No. 6 seed but lost in the first round to Central Missouri.



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MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Northeastern State.....	5-0	0-0
Washburn.....	5-0	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	5-0	0-0
Lindenwood.....	4-0	0-0
Pitt. State.....	4-1	0-0
Central Mo.....	3-1	0-0
Emporia State.....	4-2	0-0
Mo. Western.....	3-2	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	3-3	0-0
Fort Hays.....	2-2	0-0
Nebraska-Kearney.....	2-3	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	2-5	0-0
Truman.....	1-3	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	1-5	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-6	0-0

November 29:
Northeastern St. at Harding
December 1:
York College at NORTHWEST
Bellevue at Washburn
Lindenwood at Quincy
Mo. Southern at Arkansas Tech

MHS BOY'S BASKETBALL
MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	1-0	0-0
Cameron.....	1-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	1-0	0-0
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
Savannah.....	0-0	0-0
Benton.....	0-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	0-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-1	0-0

November 29:
MARYVILLE at Savannah Tournament
November 30:
Harrisonville at Benton
Cameron at Richmond

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays.....	6-0	0-0
Central Mo.....	5-0	0-0
Pitt. State.....	4-0	0-0
Truman.....	4-0	0-0
Washburn.....	4-0	0-0
Mo. Western.....	6-1	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	5-1	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	4-1	0-0
Emporia State.....	3-1	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	3-1	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	4-2	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	3-2	0-0
Northeastern State.....	3-2	0-0
Nebraska-Kearney.....	2-4	0-0
Lindenwood.....	1-2	0-0

December 1:
NORTHWEST at Rogers St.
Drury at Mo. Southern
Rockhurst at Mo. Western
Quincy at Pitt. State
Benedictine at Washburn
Lincoln (Mo.) at McKendree

MHS GIRL'S BASKETBALL
MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	1-0	0-0
Benton.....	1-0	0-0
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
Savannah.....	0-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-0	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-0	0-0
Cameron.....	0-1	0-0
LeBlond.....	0-1	0-0

November 29:
Lafayette at MARYVILLE
Platte County at LeBlond
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FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior guard Jonathan Baker tries to beat a Savannah defender in a game last season.

Boys open season with victory

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The Maryville boy's basketball team started its season off on the right foot against Staley High School.

With just one full-team practice Sunday prior to Monday's game, the Spoofhounds pulled off a 59-48 victory against the Falcons to open up the Savannah Tournament.

Maryville only had a couple of days to prepare as a team for the season opener because of the football team's state championship game.

"Overall, we played pretty well," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "I thought we had some excellent senior leadership last night, and I was real pleased with the effort from the boys that came back out after being involved in football.

"With one practice on Sunday, we were still able to put together a good game plan and execute it. We are very proud of our team."

Senior guards Jonathan Baker and Treyton Burch paced

the Spoofhounds with 17 points apiece.

Baker scored eight of those 17 points in the fourth quarter alone. Baker dropped three, three-pointers.

Burch finished the game shooting 6-for-7 from the field in the second half.

Senior forward Tyler Kenkel added 11 points, going a perfect 5-for-5 from the free-throw line.

Other scorers for Maryville include junior forward Trent Nally with six points, sophomore forward Jacob Cacek with six points and Mitchell Worthington with two points.

The 'Hounds went 12-for-16 from the free-throw line.

Kuwitzky said he wanted his team to keep it simple and play good, hard-nosed defense in this early part of the season.

"Normally, we like to play our man-to-man (defense)," Kuwitzky said. "On offense, we are focusing on fundamentals, spreading the floor and getting good percentage shots. We weren't going to be somebody that was going to take a lot of threes because we

knew we were going to be a little rusty, probably, from the shooting category."

The 'Hounds next played Winnetonka High School (Kansas City) Wednesday in the semi-finals of the tournament, after Winnetonka earned its first-round win over Bishop-LeBlond.

"They are athletic and put on good defensive pressure," Kuwitzky said. "So we're gonna have to take care of the ball, handle their half-court pressure as well as their full-court pressure."

However, results were unavailable as of press time.

The winner of the Maryville/Winnetonka game will go on to play either Lafayette or Savannah in the championship game Friday.

Following the tournament, the Spoofhounds hold their home opener against Clarinda High School at 5 p.m. Dec. 4.

"I'm very pleased with the team so far," Kuwitzky said. "I really like the attitude of the boys, and I really feel like they have a great focus and want to do very well. I think we have a lot of potential to do well this year."

Youthful girl's basketball team tips off season in tournament

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The Maryville girl's basketball team hopes to overcome inexperience to improve on last year's season.

Of the 26 players on the Spoofhound roster, 15 are freshmen. Head coach Grant Hageman knows he has to rely on young players this season to help carry the team.

"We've got a lot of younger kids or girls that don't have a lot of varsity experience," Hageman said. "So far, I've been impressed by their effort. They have picked things up pretty quick. It's just going to be a challenge getting them to mesh with a couple of the other girls who actually have varsity experience."

With such a young team, the 'Hounds have a lot to work on early in the season.

"With the lack of experience we have, we have got to make sure we come out and take advantage of every game and every opportunity to get better," Hageman said. "By the end of the year, as long as we do that, if we work day by day and

focus on the little things, I think we can be a competitive team."

Hageman believes mental toughness, aside from lack of experience, is something that may hurt the Spoofhounds.

"We have to be more mentally tough," Hageman said. "Our mental toughness right now is definitely a question. When things don't go our way, we have to be willing to really work as hard as we can to improve. We can't get down on ourselves, and we have to be able to battle through the hard times as a team."

In order to be successful, Hageman knows the team can't afford to have days where it goes backwards.

"We've been working hard in practice," Hageman said. "Like any team, there's good days and bad days. There's times when we don't go 100 percent in practice. We just have to remind them that they are either getting better or they are going backwards. There's no in between and no maintain. With this team and the lack of experience we have, we have a lot to work on. We cannot afford to drop off at all."



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior guard Blair Twaddle tries to escape a defender during a game last year.

that is a little inexperienced, and a lot of girls haven't really played together. There were a few bright spots, but there was a lot we need to improve on. The number one thing to improve on is handling pressure."

Hageman believes the 'Hounds will get better as they play more together. Team chemistry is something he knows will help the team.

"Our biggest problem was lack of execution," Hageman said. "As the season goes on, I know we will get better and improve on the things we need to improve on."

There were some bright spots Hageman can take away from the early season loss.

Junior point guard Chelsea Byland and senior guard Blair Twaddle both scored in double digits for the Spoofhounds with 10 and 12 points, respectively.

Junior center Gabby Church chipped in for Maryville with four points.

The Spoofhounds will take on Lafayette at 8 p.m. Nov. 29 in Savannah to round out the tournament.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



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Jordan Simmons



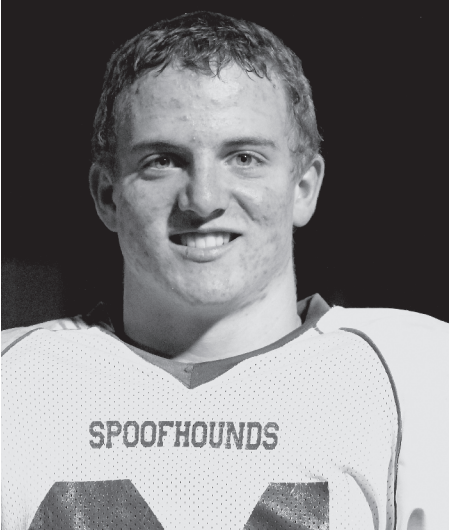
Senior running back Jordan Simmons played through a broken forearm in Saturday's playoff loss to Minnesota State-Mankato, but still managed two touchdowns and 97 rushing yards.

Tember Schechinger



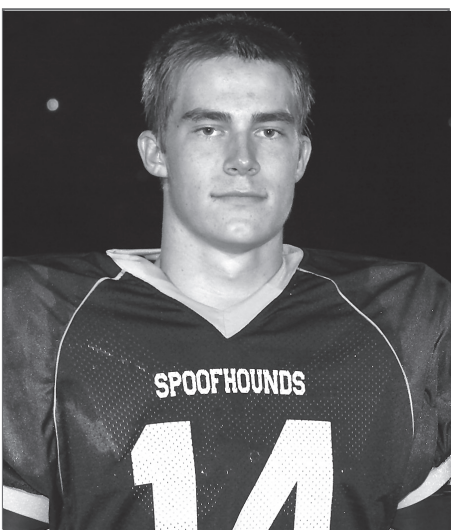
Freshman guard Tember Schechinger put up 24 points and grabbed five rebounds in the Bearcats' 71-68 loss to Colorado Christian Sunday in Denver, Colo.

Brody McMahon



Sophomore running back Brody McMahon led Maryville in its state championship win with 27 carries for 213 yards and two touchdowns against John Burroughs.

Jonathan Baker



Senior quarterback Jonathan Baker sealed the deal on a state championship in his final game with a 35-yard cutback run to put the score out of reach at 35-22.

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Junior guard Monique Stevens attempts to get around a William Jewell defender during a 59-55 loss earlier this season.

Women prepare for MIAA opener on road

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Northwest women's basketball will play its final non-conference game following a split in the Colorado Christian Tournament.

The Bearcats will travel to Claremore, Okla. to take on Rogers St. before opening MIAA play. The Hillcats have been impressive in their first year as a Division II school, posting a 6-1 record to begin the season.

The 'Cats will look to continue their dominance in the paint, where head coach Mark Kellogg believes his Bearcats have an advantage.

"We'll keep challenging our bigs to make sure they have that mentality you need down in the post," Kellogg said. "I don't think they always have that mentality, but they're getting it a little bit more and more each game. But yeah, I think they're going to be a strength of ours."

Freshman guard Tember Schechinger has been a bright spot on a young Bearcat roster. Schechinger has been consistent offensively all season for Northwest, averaging 10.3 points per game before the tour-

namment in Denver.

The 'Cats opened the tournament with a 63-40 win over Texas Women's College, forcing 33 turnovers off 23 steals. Sophomore forward Annie Mathews led all scorers with 14 points. Fellow sophomore forward Maggie Marnin chipped in with 13 points and eight rebounds.

The Bearcats battled in the tournament finale against host Colorado Christian, but fell to the Cougars 71-68. Schechinger finished with a team-high 24 points and Mathews finished with a double-double, adding 16 points and 10 rebounds.

"It's to be expected with a younger team and a new coach, but we didn't respond as a team," Kellogg said. "It was a tight game, and we just didn't execute. We settled for three-point shots and turned it over a little bit too much. You can't close out games that way."

Kellogg is looking for his team to close out games and capture its first true road win before taking on Lindenwood away from home to begin conference play.

The Bearcats will take on Rogers St. at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Claremore Expo Center.

Men keep shining behind size

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The No. 17 Northwest men's basketball team started out on a roll, jumping out to a 5-0 record in nonconference play to begin the 2012-2013 season.

The Bearcats will take on York College (Neb.) at home as a final tuneup before conference play begins with Lindenwood Dec. 5.

The 'Cats have played all five games without injured senior point guard DeShaun Cooper who led the team in scoring last season.

"I think our guys have just bought into sharing the ball a little bit more, relying on the defense even more, rebounding even better, taking care of it even better," McCollum said. "All those things have gotten that much better because we don't have somebody that's just gonna go make a play."

Cooper is questionable for this week's games.

McCollum said the size of his team will continue to be an asset.

The team's big men, junior Kyle Schlake and sophomores Grant Cozad and Dillon Starzl, have combined for 25.8 points and 14.4 rebounds per game.

"It's a lot harder to score on us than I would have thought," McCollum said. "I would have thought that they'd have trouble moving their feet against quicker guards and have trouble stepping out against guys that can shoot, but they don't seem to have a lot of trouble. Their



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior guard Bryston Williams defends a Graceland player during the 86-65 win earlier this year at Bearcat Arena.

length and their height just bothers teams. Then, offensively, there's absolutely nobody that can match up to us. You have to double the post because nobody's going to have 6-8, 6-10 across the front line in Division II."

York College has two players listed at 6 feet 8 inches. McCollum said the Panthers will not be the Bearcats' biggest challenge this season, size-wise.

"The challenge with them is they average like 94 points a game," McCollum said. "They play so fast. I guess if they do play 6-8, 6-8 then we'll have a little tougher time, but I

don't think they present that much of a size challenge."

Northwest was outrebounded in a matchup with Graceland earlier this season but has won the rebound battle in each game since.

"I'm a lot happier after that Graceland game," McCollum said. "I didn't think we played well at all ... We've made a conscious effort in practice to make sure that our kids are rebounding consistently and they have."

Northwest has three straight home games in seven days, starting with the York game set to tip at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

Wrestling club struggles in tough tourney

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Chief Reporter | @JoeTuck325

The Northwest wrestling club faced tough competition in the Lindenwood Tournament two weeks ends ago.

The Bearcats encountered top opponents in the nation in a tournament that featured over 350 wrestlers. Oklahoma State and Missouri were two of the top programs there.

Five 'Cats duelled in the tournament: 165-pound senior Danny Apgar, 174-pound freshman Patrick Masterson, 174-pound sophomore Dray Carl, 197-pound senior Blake Schoeninger and 197-pound sophomore Alex Freund.

Northwest did not place.

"We knew going in that most likely we weren't going to have a whole lot of success because it's such a competitive tournament," Apgar said. "But it's really good to

see that level of competition."

Schoeninger stood out in the tournament, defeating last year's NCWA 197-pound national champion from Liberty University (Va.), pinning him in the first period.

Northwest will square off in the Buena Vista Open Dec. 8 in Storm Lake, Iowa. The Cats' will take Apgar, Masterson, Carl, Schoeninger, Freund, 141-pound junior Daniel Bates and 141-pound junior Travis Peter.




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Monique: Australian for

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LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard Monique Stevens brought her talents all the way from Australia to join the women's basketball team at Northwest.



TYLER SHAW | NW MISSOURIAN

Guard Monique Stevens scans the floor during a win against Southwest Minnesota State.

Transfer from Australia boosts women's basketball team

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Monique Stevens is sitting in the locker room, focusing herself before a game at Bearcat Arena. She puts on her left sock first, then her right, pulling the black stockings up to her knees. Next come the ankle braces. First she puts on her left ankle brace, then her right.

She shot particularly well with a certain ball during the teams shoot around, one she can easily identify for warm ups because she put it in a specific spot.

Her hair is still in a ponytail during the second half. Stevens must have been pleased with her performance in the first half, or else her hair would be doctored and tied up in a bun.

Stevens has been doing these sort of superstitions since she was 12 years old, when she lived in Wodonga, Victoria, Australia. The junior marketing major came over to the states after she graduated from Catholic College-Wodonga High School, and attended Southeast Community College in Beatrice, Neb.

The desire to continue her playing career on the hardwood was her deciding

factor to make the trek.

"In Australia, we don't have athletic sports in high school or college," Stevens said. "We have club sports, kind of like AAU, but I wanted to play at the next level. My dream is to play professionally, and I needed that extra step, so college (in America) it was."

The 5 foot 3 inch point guard had to quickly adjust to a faster and more physical game here in America. The pace of the game and the physicality is much more different, Stevens said.

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Northwest falls short in 2nd-round playoff game

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The Northwest football team's season came to a thundering halt Saturday in a double-overtime loss.

The loss to the Minnesota State-Mankato Mavericks forced Northwest out of the playoffs after jumping out to a 21-0 lead at half-time.

Although the Bearcats crawled back with some big plays on special teams in the second half, they did not have quite enough in the extra two frames.

After the game, head coach Adam Dorrel commented on what he said to the team once the game concluded.

"I told all our kids after the game, and I didn't mean this in a negative way, this isn't the most talented football team we've ever had," Dorrel said. "For us to get to where we're at right now says a lot about our kids. I think it says a lot about our team leaders and our captains."

Junior quarterback Trevor Adams tossed four interceptions, one in the second overtime.

Dorrel was most displeased with the penalties, which became a problem in the backstretch of the regular season.

Northwest finished with eight total, but Dorrel was most upset about two committed at the end

of the fourth quarter that hurt the Bearcats' chances of putting together a game-winning drive.

Dorrel and the Bearcats finished with a 10-3 record, 8-2 in the MIAA, good for second in the conference.

The most notable members of this year's graduating group includes wide receiver Tyler Shaw, running back Jordan Simmons, offensive lineman Rod Williams, safeties Clarke Snodgrass and Nate DeJong, kicker Todd Adolf and linebacker Collin DeBuysere.

Simmons finished with 1,498 all-purpose yards and a team-high 19 total touchdowns in his final season, including 546 rushing yards and 512 receiving yards.

After a loss in his final game, Simmons said he was proud of his team for not laying down at half-time.

Dorrel got a little choked up after the game about Simmons' toughness to play through a broken forearm in his college football finale.

"He's been a tough kid," Dorrel said, before pausing for a few seconds. "Really tough kid ... He's been a tough kid for five years for our program. I'm just really proud of him, where he's come from. He'd be the first to tell you, he's gotten better here, not just as a football player, but as a person and student-athlete. Very proud of him for that."

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Junior running back Billy Creason drops a pass during Northwest's 38-35 double-overtime playoff loss to Minnesota State-Mankato Saturday.

Johnny Football is only real option for 2012 Heisman



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Just a few weeks back, the Heisman race was wide open, like a receiver in the Chiefs' secondary. But now, one redshirt freshman has risen from the pack thanks to a signature win and statistics beyond measure.

Johnny Manziel, quarterback at Texas A&M, has all but locked up the award for best college football player in the nation.

His stats are comparable to Superman, er, Cam Newton's numbers from 2010, when Newton took the college football world by storm with his legs and arm.

Manziel has racked up over 4,500 yards, including over 1,000 on the ground, as well as a ridiculous 44 touchdowns. This isn't some Colt Brennan/Kellen Moore type season where he's facing subpar talent.

Manziel is dominating the nation's top conference, the SEC, and beat previous No. 1 Alabama in one of the biggest upsets of the season.

What's most impressive about Manziel?

Eight interceptions. The kid's a freshman. That's not supposed to be possible, especially when he's thrown 400 passes.

If Manziel doesn't walk away with the hardware, there's a serious issue with the Heisman voters.

Only two players are even in the conversation (well, kind of) with Manziel, Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o and Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein, and even those guys can't stack up to Johnny Football.

Only one defensive player has ever won the Heisman, Charles Woodson in 1997, pretty much ending the debate for Te'o right there. You have to be beyond dominant to enter the conversation, and while Te'o has been good, he hasn't even had the impact Glenn Dorsey did in 2007 with LSU.

Not to mention the fact that 10 of the last 11 winners have specifically been quarterbacks, which leads to Klein as the next suitor for an upset.

Klein started the season on a roll, but a dagger three-interception loss to Baylor ended the Wildcats' hope for a championship as well as Klein's hope for the little bronze statuette.

The K-State signal-caller's chances are completely gone, considering he doesn't have a conference championship game to play in for one last hoorah for the voters.

Manziel doesn't get an SEC Championship game either, but that's because Alabama beat Texas A&M out for the spot in the West division.

That's one knock against Johnny Football that backers of Klein and Te'o will use. Te'o's Notre Dame team is undefeated and will play in the BCS National Championship, while Klein suffered that one loss.

One of the big factors in Heisman voting is the performance of one's team, and Manziel's is the worst of the three, sitting with two losses.

However, the Aggies have been one of the hottest teams in the nation (all thanks to Manziel) since week three or four, excluding the loss to LSU in the Bayou.

The other knock is that he would be the first freshman to ever win the award. While his stats are impressive regardless of age, a few voters won't give him what he deserves simply because they wouldn't want some random kid, not named Tebow, to make college football history.

Anyone but Manziel winning the Heisman would be a travesty to the award. It is meant for the most outstanding player in college football, which Johnny Football has stood as all season.